

REMARKS

The suggested change in claim 28 is noted with thanks. However, what claim 28 recites is "a joint prosthesis", which had not been previously recited. Therefore, it would be improper under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, to refer to --the joint prosthesis--.

However, claims 27 and 28 do indeed contain an informality, which is the phrase "of the type", canceled herewith.

Claim 15 has been amended so as to sharpen its definition of the invention relative to the applied references. Reconsideration is accordingly respectfully requested, for the rejection of claim 15 as anticipated by or unpatentable over WILLI, alone or in combination with other references of record.

The rejection falls down on WILLI.

As now claimed, it is required that the stud of the present invention be disposed on an end wall of the posterior portion of the inside space of the shell. This is the exact language of page 4, lines 24-26 of our specification and so has ample basis in our disclosure, as well as in the drawings where this feature is clearly illustrated.

By contrast, in WILLI, the part 8 is a part which is initially separate and is added to the two parts of the shells. It is a peripheral feature of the assembly of WILLI and does not correspond to the structure of the present invention. Any

previous accidental reading of claim 15 on WILLI is accordingly corrected by the present amendment.

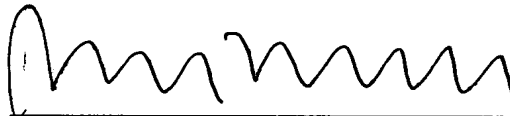
Notice also, in the present amendment, new claims 29 and 30, which further distinguish the present invention over WILLI, alone or in combination with any other reference of record. Thus, new claim 29 locates the stud of the present invention exactly; whilst new claim 30 recites its integral relationship to the metal shell. Neither of these features can be found among the cited references.

In view of the present amendment and the foregoing remarks, therefore, it is believed that this application has been placed in condition for allowance, and reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 25-0120 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17.

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